

In the Claims:

Please add the following claims 25 to 35 and cancel claims 10 to 13, 15 to 18, and 20 to 24 without prejudice:

Claims 1 to 24.(canceled)

25.(new) A method of preserving a perishable cosmetic preparation, said method comprising the step of adding bioactive glass particles having particles sizes (d_{50}) less than or equal to 400 μm to said cosmetic preparation, so that said cosmetic preparation contains from 0.1 to 25 percent by weight of said bioactive glass particles after said adding;

wherein said bioactive glass particles consist of from 40 to 60 percent by weight SiO_2 , from 10 to 30 percent by weight CaO , from 10 to 35 percent by weight Na_2O , from 2 to 8 percent by weight P_2O_5 , from 0 to 25 percent by weight of CaF_2 , from 0 to 10 percent by weight B_2O_3 , from 0 to 8 percent by weight of K_2O , and from 0 to 5 percent by weight MgO .

26.(new) The method as defined in claim 25, wherein said preparation contains from 1 percent by weight to 10 percent by weight of said bioactive glass particles after the adding.

27.(new) The method as defined in claim 25, wherein said particles sizes (d_{50}) are less than or equal to 100 μm .

28.(new) The method as defined in claim 25, wherein said particles sizes (d_{50}) are less than or equal to 10 μm .

29.(new) A cosmetic preparation that comes into contact with skin, said cosmetic preparation containing no organic chemical preservative compounds and from 0.1 to 25 percent by weight of bioactive glass particles;

wherein the bioactive glass particles consist of from 40 to 60 percent by weight SiO_2 , from 10 to 30 percent by weight CaO , from 10 to 35 percent by weight Na_2O , from 2 to 8 percent by weight P_2O_5 , from 0 to 25 percent by weight of CaF_2 , from 0 to 10 percent by weight B_2O_3 , from 0 to 8 percent by weight of K_2O , and from 0 to 5 percent by weight MgO ; and

wherein the bioactive glass particles have particles sizes (d_{50}) less than or equal to 400 μm .

30.(new) The cosmetic preparation as defined in claim 29, wherein said particles sizes (d_{50}) are less than or equal to 100 μm and said preparation contains from 1 percent by weight to 10 percent by weight of said bioactive glass particles.

31.(new) The cosmetic preparation as defined in claim 29, wherein said particles sizes (d_{50}) are less than or equal to 5 μm .

32.(new) The cosmetic preparation as defined in claim 29, wherein said particles sizes (d_{50}) are less than or equal to 2 μm .

33.(new) The cosmetic preparation as defined in claim 29, wherein said preparation contains from 0.1 percent by weight to 7 percent by weight of said bioactive glass particles.

34.(new) The cosmetic preparation as defined in claim 29, consisting of a cosmetic cream for application to the skin, a cosmetic lotion for application to the skin, a lipstick, or a make-up composition.

35.(new) The cosmetic preparation as defined in claim 29, consisting of a liquid that contains no alcohol and wherein said bioactive glass particles have a refractive index that is close enough to that of said liquid so that said bioactive glass particles are substantially invisible to an observer and thus do not affect preparation appearance.